

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-13 have been rejected per 35 USC 103. Please cancel claims 1-13 and ADD new claims 14-23.

1-13. (CANCELED)

14. (NEW) A removable covering for protecting an exterior surface area of a vehicle from damage due to debris and other objects contacting the vehicle, said protective covering comprising at least one section further comprising a left hood member, right hood member, left nose member, right nose member, left side member, and right side member formed from a pliable material having a suitable length, width and thickness, said section of said protective covering having a shape substantially matching a shape of the surface area to be protected and able to retain a static charge to provide adhesion to said surface area;

said section placed upon a nose area of the vehicle, beneath a previously existing removable halter cover of a vehicle, wherein said section functions to provide a barrier between the halter and vehicle paint to protect the paint from damage caused by the halter due to vibration and wind.

15. (NEW) The removable covering for protecting an exterior surface area of a vehicle from damage due to debris and other objects contacting the vehicle in claim 14, wherein the covering is specifically designed to protect vehicles of any manufacture, make,

model, and year and utilized in conjunction with a halter that is constructed of a material selected from the group consisting of vinyl, plastic, nylon, and cotton.

16. (NEW) The protective covering for vehicles as recited in claim 14, wherein said protective covering has a thickness within a range of substantially 4 mil. to 16 mil.

17. (NEW) The protective covering for vehicles as recited in claim 14, wherein said pliable material is manufactured of polyvinyl chloride.

18. (NEW) A method of manufacturing and using the covering for protecting an exterior surface nose area of a vehicle from damage due to debris and other objects contacting the vehicle in claim 14, comprising the steps of:

- a) forming a template by tracing the surface nose area to be protected;
- b) positioning the template over a suitable amount of pliable material of suitable thickness used to form the protective covering;
- c) adapting the protective cover to a shape substantially matching the traced pattern on the template through usage of a previously formed said shape die;
- d) dividing the protective cover into a plurality of pieces having a previously determined suitable length and width;

e) thoroughly washing the nose area;

f) applying a compound to the nose area if same is oxidized and abused;

g) waxing and buffing the nose area;

h) spraying the nose area with a previously-determined liquid;

i) grasping the protective cover and positioning the protective cover over the nose area;

j) applying force in direction of the nose area causing the protective cover to contact and adhere to the nose area;

k) holding the protective cover in place, and applying pressure to push out excess liquid through usage of a previously-determined item;

l) allowing the nose area to dry; and

m) applying a pulling force in a direction away from the vehicle to remove the protective cover from the vehicle.

n) installing the bra or halter over the protective cover on the nose area of the vehicle.

19. (NEW) The method described in claim 18, wherein the protective cover is adapted to a shape substantially matching the traced pattern on the template by cutting manually.

20. (NEW) The method described in claim 18, wherein the previously-determined liquid is a mix of water and a small drop of dishwashing soap.

21. (NEW) The method described in claim 20, wherein the ratio of water to dishwashing soap is 8 ounces of water to 1 drop of dishwashing soap.

22. (NEW) The method described in claim 20, wherein the mix of water and dishwashing soap is mixed by swirling a spray bottle containing the water and dishwashing soap.

23. (NEW) The method described in claim 18, wherein the previously-determined item is selected from the group consisting of a squeegee, towel, paper towel, credit card, and piece of cardboard.